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Title : Method of Applying a Bottom Surface Protective

Coating to a Wafer, and Wafer Dicing Method

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, lines 8-18, with the following paragraph:

The invention lies in the semiconductor processing technology field. More specifically, the present invention relates to a method for applying a protective coating to a bottom surface of a semiconductor wafer or to the bottom surface and all